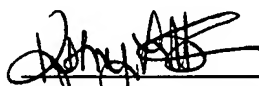


### **REMARKS**

This amendment is submitted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 prior to payment of the issue fee. Claims 4 and 25 have been amended herein to provide proper antecedent basis, while claim 18 has been amended to correct a typographical error. No substantive changes have been made in the application. Applicant respectfully requests that such amendments be entered into the record.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the before-mentioned amendments to the application or any other matter, Applicant's agent will welcome the opportunity to discuss the same with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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